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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each document is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English:

a. JP 2003-181555: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 2 of the present application (where it is referred to as Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-379875), and the figures therein.

b. JP 59-61529: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

c. JP 5-508585: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report and the figures therein.

d. JP 2003-48024: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

e. JP 2004-223558: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

f. JP 4-22648-B: The relevance of this document can be understood from the the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 2 of the present application (where it is referred to as Japanese Patent No. 1,732,924), and the figures therein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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